

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8 and 13-15 currently remain in the application. Claim 7 has been canceled and claims 9-12 have been withdrawn and will be canceled upon allowance of the instant application. Claims 1-6 and 8 are herein amended and claims 13-15 are newly introduced claims.

The matter of the drawings in Paragraph 3 of the Official Letter is being responded to by filing a set of formal drawings.

Claims 1-5 and 8 were¹⁶ were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Krech. In view of this cited reference and the reason for rejection by the Examiner, claim 1 addressed to a controller has been herein amended extensively by narrowing its scope, as a result of which it is now addressed to a system comprising not only a controller as originally claimed in claim 1 but also a tool as claimed in claim 6 so as to together form a system. Thus, claim 6, which has been withdrawn as being addressed to a non-elected subject matter, is herein reintroduced to be considered as one of the components of amended claim 1.

With this new constituent element introduced into amended claim 1, it is believed that it obviates the Examiner's rejection because Krech relates only to a controller and a method of controlling such a controller without any regard to the use or presence of a tool as claimed in amended claim 1 herein.

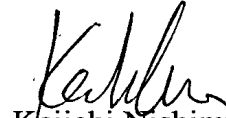
Method claim 8 has also been amended by incorporating steps related to the control of a tool and this is also believed to obviate the Examiner's rejection because Krech does not disclose any method including any step of controlling a tool.

Claims 13-15 are new added claims dependent from amended method claim 8 and hence should be deemed allowed.

In claim 6, an editorial error committed inadvertently is corrected.

In summary, it is believed that the instant Amendment is completely responsive to the Office Action and hence that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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